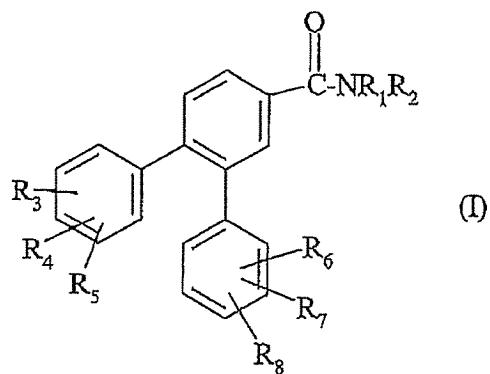


Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims set forth below with amendments as indicated will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) **Compounds A compound** of formula (I):



in which:

- R_1 represents hydrogen or a (C_1 - C_4)alkyl;
- R_2 represents: - a (C_3 - C_7)alkyl group,
 - an indan-1-yl or 1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl group, said groups being unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom **and/or** a methyl group;
 - a saturated, single-nitrogen heterocyclic radical of 5 to 7 atoms, the nitrogen atom being substituted by a (C_1 - C_4)alkyl, benzyl, (C_1 - C_3)alkoxycarbonyl or (C_1 - C_4)alkanoyl group;
 - a group NR_9R_{10} ;
 - a group $(CH_2)_nR_{11}$, $CH(CH_3)R_{11}$, $(CH_2)_mN(CH_3)R_{11}$;
 - a C_3 - C_{12} nonaromatic carbocyclic radical, unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- or R_1 and R_2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form either a piperazin-1-yl radical substituted in position 4 by a phenyl or benzyl

group, or a piperidin-1-yl radical disubstituted in position 4 by a phenyl or benzyl group and by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl or (C₁-C₃)alkanoyl group; the phenyl or benzyl group substituents on the piperazin-1-yl radical or the piperidin-1-yl radical being unsubstituted or substituted by a halogen atom **and/or** a methyl group;

- R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group;
- R₉ and R₁₀ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl, hydroxyl or (C₁-C₄)alkoxy group;
- R₁₁ represents: - a phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more substituents selected from a halogen atom and a methyl group;
-a heteroaryl radical of 6 to 10 atoms containing one or more nitrogen atoms;
- n represents 1, 2 or 3; **and**
- m represents 0, 2 or 3; **or**

and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

2. **(currently amended)** A compound according to claim 1 of formula (I) in which:

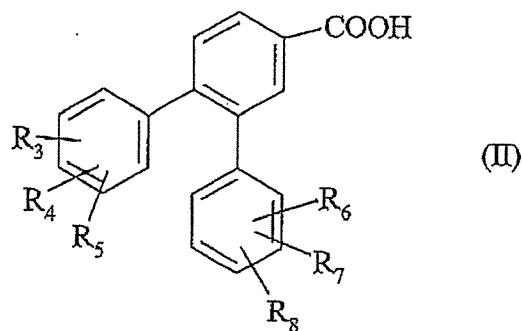
- R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group;
- R₂ represents a group NR₉R₁₀ or a nonaromatic C₃-C₁₂ carbocyclic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇ and R₈ represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group; **and**
- R₉ and R₁₀ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms, containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a (C₁-C₄)alkyl group; **or**

~~and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.~~

3. (currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 of formula (I) in which:

- R_1 represents a hydrogen atom; **and/or**
- R_2 represents a group selected from piperidin-1-yl, pyrrolidin-1-yl, cyclohexyl, spiro[5.5]undecanyl and 1,3,3-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptan-2-yl; **and/or**
- at least one of the substituents R_3 , R_4 and R_5 represents a halogen atom or a trifluoromethyl group; **and/or**
- at least one of the substituents R_6 , R_7 and R_8 represents a halogen atom.

4. (withdrawn) A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 wherein a functional derivative of terphenylic acid of formula:



in which R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 and R_8 are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1 is treated with an amine of formula HNR_1R_2 (III) in which R_1 and R_2 are as defined for a compound of formula (I) in claim 1.

5. - 7. (cancelled)

8. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 1 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

9. (cancelled)

10. **(withdrawn)** A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

11. **(currently amended)** A compound according to claim 2 of formula (I) in which:

- R_1 represents a hydrogen atom or a $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$ alkyl group;
- R_2 represents a group NR_9R_{10} or a nonaromatic $C_3\text{-}C_{12}$ carbocyclic radical which is unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a methyl group;
- R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 represent each independently of one another a hydrogen or halogen atom or a $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkyl, $(C_1\text{-}C_6)$ alkoxy or trifluoromethyl group; **and**
- R_9 and R_{10} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical of 5 to 10 atoms, containing or not containing a second heteroatom selected from O and N, said radical being unsubstituted or substituted one or more times by a $(C_1\text{-}C_4)$ alkyl group; **or**
and their salts, their solvates and their hydrates a salt, solvate or hydrate thereof.

12. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 2 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

13. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 3 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

14. **(original)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises a compound of formula (I) according to claim 11 or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, hydrates or solvates, and at least one pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

15. - 17. (cancelled)

18. (withdrawn) A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 2.

19. (withdrawn) A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3.

20. (withdrawn) A method for treating psychotic disorders, memory and cognitive disorders, appetite disorders and obesity, or for tobacco withdrawal or alcohol withdrawal which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound according to claim 11.